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Money is a great lever; also it is a great lever.

The bear that walks like a man is not walking out of Manchuria.

Have most not all bad. The officers certify that he was good in jail.

A Paris doctor says that carrots cause appendicitis. But men have to eat them.

The latest cable dispatches indicate that Abdul Aziz of Morocco has abdicated.

We value our friends for their sterling qualities, but like them for their weaknesses.

Mrs. Thaw explains that the Earl of Yarmouth is getting nothing but a bare living out of it.

A school teacher is a person employed to give parents five hours of peace and quiet per day.

It is not what a man thinks, but what he thinks he thinks that determines his mental status.—Judge

The best way for the amateur gardener to plant peas is to plant them. Then his crop won't fail.

Consuelo, Duchess of Marlborough, is now the remarkable possessor of two fathers and two mothers, all four living.

In addition to his other shortcomings, Pennell was an ardent coward. It took him two years to commit suicide.

Whispering is permitted in the university of Chicago, but Prof. Frigge reserves the right to do most of the talking.

China's new minister was accompanied to Washington by forty-two Chinese diplomats and a car load of Oriental gifts.

A scheme for the division of Turkey is under discussion. All the powers are objecting to the piece that has the Sultan in it.

The man who is most loudly concerned about the welfare of the country is usually the one who does the least to prosper it.

The world doesn't grow old; it renews its youth with every springtime, and laughs at time and change forever. O happy earth!

The record of philanthropy for 1902 includes public gifts amounting to more than \$145,000,000. And still the rich are not impoverished.

It must have come easy for Adam when he wished to slay Eve. He could call her the fairest of her sex without bothering his conscience in the least.

A Kansas paper gives merchants a little gratuitous advice about how to succeed in business. It advises them "to work like Helen Adair"—who ever she is.

It is calculated to make one cynical when he reflects that the people who write maxims on "how to win success" for the newspapers don't draw over \$18 per week.

Ten Chinese boxers are reported to have lost their heads. Unlike the American boxers, the far eastern sports foolishly allowed the loss to become permanent.

An English medical journal says that appendicitis and other diseases may be caused by allowing liquor to stand in glasses. The moral is simple. Don't let it stand there.

A medical journal cheerfully announces that "lettuce is an absolute preventive of smallpox." Well, as between salad and vaccination most people will declare for salad every time.

Don't be discouraged. Mr. Morgan, who is 66, has made most of his fortune of \$23,000,000 in the last six years. And you know the proverb says: "What man has done, man may do."

It appears that a large percentage of the American people are still interested in professional baseball. The great beauty of baseball is that a lazy man can thoroughly enjoy it without exercising a bit.

Two centenarians, one aged 111 and the other 102, have just died in England. Over here we say of a centenarian that he may have seen George Washington. Over there they say, "He lived in five reigns."

The union chorus girls of Chicago have struck for a salary scale of \$15 a week, claiming that at present wages they can make only a bare living. We always thought that was what they were hired for.

Miss Josephine Dodge Dakin, who is twenty-seven years old and famous as a writer of love stories, is to become the wife of a New York widower who is forty-five years of age, and has two children. Miss Dakin will no doubt be a very sweet mother to the little ones.

A Mrs. Sarah K. Bolton is going to tour the cities of this country to help the cause of the tramp dog. A brief sojourn in Constantinople might cure Mrs. Bolton of her foolishness.

Why is it that the man who will cheerfully dig up \$1.50 for a round of drinks is the very one who chafes at a dime before entering the church door?

The reopening of the Dryfus case in Paris will no doubt be sensational enough, even though M. Zola is no longer there to shout, "J'accuse!"

Abstinentness is sometimes considered the mark of a great man, but a fellow never feels very proud when he hugs a napkin away from the table in his handkerchief pocket.

Don't sneer at the "Sir Thomas Lipton" luck. Many a man with his chances would have been killed on one of his various Shamrockus long ago.

Persons engaged in choosing a wife the King Alfonso of Spain are still inspecting the goods displayed in the usual matrimonial market.

Missouri

FRANK M. STERRETT ELECTED.

O. A. R. Encampment in Session at Bensenville-Rainy Days Program.

Bonsville, Mo., The State G. A. R. Encampment convened here last week.

Department Commander Ira T. Brown of Sedalia presided.

The address of welcome was made by Mayor W. G. Pendleton, and, on behalf of the local post, by Commander J. A. Gemmel of John A. Hala Post, No. 210.

Comrade W. A. Fast of Sedalia responded.

On account of the heavy rain the first day of the parade was postponed, and the encampment proceeded to select a place for holding the next annual encampment, and to elect department officers.

The historic city of Lexington was selected for the next encampment.

The election of department officers resulted as follows: Frank M. Sterrett of Blair Post, No. 1, St. Louis, for department commander; senior vice commander, John T. Birdseye, Nevada; junior vice commander, Joseph Lieber, Booneville; chaplain, the Rev. J. M. Martin, Independence; medical director, P. M. Stewart, Kansas City; Col. D. P. Dyer of St. Louis was elected delegate at large to the National Encampment, to be held at San Francisco.

Thirteen delegates were elected to the National Encampment and five members of the Council of Administration.

The Sons of Veterans met at 9 o'clock with Col. Ed Blum of Cape Girardeau in the chair. Reports of officers for the last year were received and approved. Officers were elected.

The Ladies' Auxiliary met. Department President Mrs. Emmert Fields of Hannibal presided. Officers were elected for the ensuing year.

The Woman's Relief Corps of Missouri was presided over by the department president, Mrs. Hollen E. Day of Kansas City.

Chaplain Hagerty of Ransom Post, St. Louis, presented a garol, made from historic wood, to the encampment.

The ladies endorsed the St. Louis World's Fair and adopted the McKinley pink carnation as the official flower to be worn by the members while attending it.

The veterans and ladies were entertained equally.

Every home in the city was thrown open to the visitors.

AGAINST THE PRIDDY HEIRS.

Court Refuses to Set Aside Deeds to Kansas City Property.

Kansas City, Mo., Judge Andrew O. Evans, in the Circuit Court here Saturday, decided against the heirs of Mrs. John Priddy, who brought suit to recover residence property in this city valued at \$10,000.

The property originally was a farm owned by Thomas Jones, who came to Kansas City from Kentucky in 1839 and who left the land to his nine children, out of whom was Mrs. Priddy.

Mrs. Priddy died and was buried in Oregon in 1892, and suit was brought by G. W. Priddy and other of her heirs.

A tombstone bearing the date of Mrs. Priddy's birth, to establish the fact as to whether she was of age when she died away her share in the property, figured in the prosecution.

Insurance License.

Jefferson City, Mo., Since the issuance of the advance sheets of the Missouri State Insurance Report, in which Superintendent Yates gave notice that he would enforce the law compelling insurance brokers to take out license, a large number of such licenses have been issued.

Mr. Yates intends to make an inspection of the agencies in St. Louis, to see that every one doing a brokerage business has a license to do so from the State department.

Fred Chaney Acquitted.

Memphis, Mo., The trial of Fred Chaney for the killing of William H. Mattick closed at 10 o'clock Friday night. The killing occurred at a school election on May 7, six miles south of this city. Mattick accused Chaney because his horse was on his meadow and was the aggressor when Chaney struck him in the head with his fist. He died almost instantly. The jury was out 30 minutes and brought in a verdict of not guilty.

Outing for State Officials.

Liberty, Mo., Arrangements are being made at Smithville, Mo., for Governor Dockery, the Secretary of State, Sam B. Cook and other State officials to spend a few days on the banks of Smith's Fork. The Governor and his party will enjoy fishing and fishing. Smithville is the home of O. P. Gentry, Governor Dockery's private secretary.

Drummers Elect New Officers.

Farmington, Mo., The Southeast Missouri Drummers' Association, which has been holding its seventh annual meeting here since Thursday, held a business meeting Saturday morning, beginning at 7 o'clock. Kenneth was designated as the next meeting place. The election of new officers followed. George R. Steinger of St. Louis was unanimously elected president. James Bennett of St. Louis was chosen vice president. John Dunsmuir of Kennett was elected secretary, and Will Shannon of Catwauwa treasurer.

Gas Found in Missouri.

Butler, Mo., The Carpenter & Shafter Manufacturing Company struck considerable gas last week while drilling near their oil plant for water. They expect to go down 2,000 feet. Gas was struck at 250 feet.

Capt. T. J. Spillman.

Hartsville, Mo., T. J. Spillman, aged 74, died Saturday morning near this place. He was captain of Company I, Sixth Missouri Cavalry Volunteers, during the Civil War. He had lived in Wright County 40 years.

Deserted Twenty-Three Times.

Joplin, Mo., Because his wife has deserted him the twenty-third time, Samuel Enders of this city has filed suit for divorce in the Circuit Court of Jasper County. In his petition Enders states that his wife has left him 23 times and that he does not propose to stand it any longer.

Drowned in Small Vessel.

Rich Hill, Mo., The infant child of Curtis Levere was last week drowned in a vessel containing only three gallons of water.

COLUMBIA COMMENCEMENT.

Missouri University Will Give Five Days to the Exercises.

Columbia, Mo., The commencement exercises of the State University will this year be especially brilliant.

The program will include a display of oratory and college spirit which has not been equaled in recent years.

On Saturday, May 30, will take place the Stephens medal contest, the annual contest for the best English oration, the prize being a medal paid for from the interest upon a fund for the purpose given by the late James L. Stephens of Columbia.

On Sunday, May 31, at 11 a. m., will be held the baccalaureate day exercises, the sermon to be delivered by the Rev. E. Benjamin Andrews, D. D., LL. D., president of the University of Nebraska.

On Monday, June 1, the senior class day exercises and ivy planting will take place in the morning, while in the evening will take place the senior class reception and outdoor fête. The university address will be delivered by the Rev. Charles F. Thwing, D. D., LL. D., president of Western Reserve University.

On Tuesday, June 2, at 10 a. m., the corner stone of the new University Club, erected by private subscription, will be laid. Tuesday evening the annual address before the Phi Beta Kappa will be made by Doctor Frank Strong, president of the University of Kansas.

The address before the Alumni Association will be made by J. V. C. Karpis of Kansas City and the annual dinner of the Phi Beta Kappa on Wednesday morning, June 3, at 10 o'clock, and the annual commencement exercises complete the program.

The baccalaureate sermon of Stephens College will be delivered by the Rev. R. M. Brown, of Kansas City, on Saturday, May 24. The college commencement will take place on May 25.

UNIVERSITY EDITORS ELECTED.

Kansas City Students Head Staff of the Independent.

Columbia, Mo., At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Independent, the official student paper of Missouri State University, Dan McFarland was elected editor. Mr. McFarland's home is at No. 3723 Maryland avenue, Kansas City, and is one of the prominent students in school. He is in his junior year in the academic class.

He was business manager of the Independent in 1902, president of his class in 1901 and has been acting editor this spring.

Larry Lyons of Kansas City was elected business manager to succeed himself. Mr. Lyons succeeds W. T. Nardin of Vandalia, who has been awarded a fellowship in economics. He has chosen as associate editors Miss Lulabelle Woolridge and C. R. Ross of Independence.

Jasper County Census.

Joplin, Mo., The reports of the school enumeration just taken of the two largest cities of Jasper County, gives Joplin a population of 35,480 and Carthage 12,470. The census of 1900 gave Joplin 26,022 and Carthage 8,457. The recent census gives Joplin a gain of 9,457 and Carthage 3,954 over three years ago, and it is estimated that Jasper County now has a population close to 120,000.

Conveyance Held Illegal.

St. Joseph, Mo., The First National Bank of Plattburg won a victory in its attachment suit against Emanuel S. Fry. Judge Woodson, after several days of trial, took the case from the jury, ordered the return of a verdict for the plaintiff and sustained the attachment of valuable property which Fry had conveyed to his wife, brother and others.

Reception to Doctor Otto Heller.

Columbia, Mo., Doctor Otto Heller, professor of German and literature in Washington University, St. Louis, lectured Saturday night before the German Club of Missouri University. After the lecture a reception was given in his honor.

Caught by a Corn Burr.

West Plains, Mo., A farmer coming to mill found the dead body of W. B. Helton, his miller of the Summerville mill, beside a corn burr. Helton's clothing had become entangled in the machinery and he was crushed to death.

Jail Delivery at Carthage.

Carthage, Mo., The fourth attempted delivery in two weeks and the third successful one occurred here before daylight Saturday morning, when Bud Jones went out through the roof, where four others had escaped.

Christmas Wedding Announced.

Macon, Mo., Announcement has just been made of the marriage of Miss Marie Buckley of this city to J. H. Davis, which occurred in Bucklin, Mo., on the evening of Christmas day, 1902. The ceremony was performed at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. E. A. Hogan, cousin of the bride, with his wife as witness. Immediately after the ceremony each departed for their respective homes. Mr. Davis is a prominent farmer of this county, residing west of this city.

Vest Soon Will Return Home.

Washington: Senator Vest will depart for Sweet Springs, Mo., about May 22, and will spend the summer with his wife at his cottage in that place. It is probable that Sweet Springs hereafter will be the home of the former Senator. Mr. Vest already has gone to St. Louis. The Senator will be accompanied to Missouri by his daughter, Mrs. George P. B. Jackson of St. Louis, and his granddaughter, Miss Sallie Jackson.

Howard County Exhibit.

Fayette, Mo., A Howard County World's Fair Club was organized in Fayette Saturday, the object of which is to secure exhibits of all kinds of grain, grass and other products of Howard County for the St. Louis World's Fair next year. The officers elected are: John A. Woods, president; M. M. Prior, secretary, and John K. Ricketts, E. M. Richmond, H. P. Mason, M. B. Yeaman and H. H. Jones as executive committee.

MRS. HAROLD STAGG.

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CHAPTER XI.—(Continued.)

"Don't disturb yourself; you are to sleep," she cried to Struthers, who started up as though to take his turn at awaking her. "I am enjoying it so much."

He thought a little and began once more with one of Moore's short love songs, and a second, and still a third time he made a new choice before the humor seized him to deliver her to sleep. Then he changed to look up at the same moment and to perceive that the professor's head had fallen forward on his breast and that he was no longer smoking.

"He is asleep," said Eleanor, in a whisper. "Then, as she watched the electricity play the banjo softly beside him, she added with enthusiasm: 'He must be an endless delight to be able to sleep like that.'"

"It is a relaxation to me from my work, at any rate. Your uncle seems to like to hear me, and none of the neighbors have complained as yet."

Eleanor, shrouded in the hammock, was able to peer at him through the network without being observed. The moonlight fell upon him in such a way that his features were thrown into relief. They were refined and suggested a sensitive temperament. Eleanor said to herself that he was fifty-fold more interesting to her than Owen Page and the other young men with whom she had associated during the past year. There was, moreover, something shy and unsophisticated about this one, which gave her a sense of comradeship which it was rather pleasant to feel.

"Have you lived here long, Mr. Struthers?" she asked.

"Only about six months in this house. But I was born and brought up in the city. Last summer I was graduated from the school of mine."

"Do you have begun your life-work," she replied, wistfully.

"I am immensely interested in electricity. Sooner or later I hope to obtain a position either with some large concern that puts in electrical plants or regular employment as a consulting engineer in such matters."

He spoke with a direct simplicity that attracted Eleanor. He seemed so modest and yet so self-reliant. Withal, "Then we are somewhat similarly situated," she was tempted to reply, "only you have your work already in a measure provided and mapped out, and I am still an idler perforce."

"You?" he ejaculated, wondering.

She enjoyed his astonishment for a moment without responding, then she said:

"You did not know, then, that I was looking for a position."

He became confused, and it was plain that he was nonplussed, doubtful whether she was bantering him or no. Again she waited, finding his embarrassed silence and almost distressed mien delicious, by way of contrast to the veneered audacity of the young men who visited her Aunt Emma.

"Yes, I am going to be a teacher; that is, if any one will engage me. I have come here to ask my uncle about it. He does not know as yet. I should like a position in a college if possible, so that I might become a professor in time, if I were fit for it. But I am ready to begin at the bottom of the ladder, and accept anything that offers. Does the idea shock you, Mr. Struthers?"

"Shock me? Why should it?" he said, simply. "Only—"

and then precipitately halted, while renewed discomfiture betrayed itself on his cheeks.

"Only what, Mr. Struthers?" Eleanor asked, with a delighted laugh.

For a moment he hesitated, then suddenly raising his eyes, he answered:

"Only I had not supposed you to be the kind of a young lady."

"And what kind of a young lady had you supposed me to be, Mr. Struthers?"

He evidently realized that his boldness had merely drawn him on the thinner ice, for he seemed to undergo contortions before her interrogatory and laughing glance. She had raised her head and was looking full at him. But it plainly was not his face that he was conscious of perceiving, for he turned himself from her by a sidelong glance, after a moment of agonized confusion, he said, with the same directness as before:

"I assumed you were rich, and that I could not have occurred to you to do anything of that sort."

"In other words, you took me for a frivolous butterfly of fashion?"

Eleanor was sorry the moment she had spoken, and she regretted the remark the more keenly as she answered in a tone that was free from any suggestion that he was punishing his tormentor:

"It does not follow, does it, because one is rich, that one has to be a frivolous butterfly?"

There was a naive searching for truth in the interrogative form of his reply, and the sole evidence of intentional satire lay in the fact that he returned her gaze without flinching. Even the wounded worm will turn.

"I deserve the rebuke, Mr. Struthers. But I am neither rich nor a butterfly, I hope. Since I have said so much, I should enlighten you exactly as to the truth. I suppose you meant that because I was fair to assume that it was not necessary for me to earn my own living. Well, in one sense it is not. I have an uncle—a rich uncle—who is willing to have me live with him as long as I like. He has been very kind to me. When my father died a year ago—"

"Uncle Harold—"

"—insisted that I and my brothers should return to New York with him to his home, and there I have lived ever since. I came on my brother's school, and they were to be sent to that school, but I told my uncle Harold that I was not going to be a teacher. The boys are very well satisfied now, so that I am at liberty to carry out my intention. The only trouble is—"

Eleanor paused, realizing that it was rather ludicrous that she should say anything of the kind, yet an irresistible impulse impelled her to say it, and she continued:

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her heart if I don't. But a woman can't afford to throw away her whole future merely in order to be married. Why should a woman give up her life-work more than a man?" she added, earnestly. "Would a man—would you, Mr. Struthers?"

Struthers blushed. "I have never been in love," he said.

"For the matter of that, neither have I," she responded, gaily. "It is merely a supposition, case, so far as that goes. But does it not come to the same thing when Aunt Emma says that if it becomes a teacher I shall cut myself out from the possibility of ever making a brilliant match? In any case, Mr. Struthers, I shall never put up with a match that is not brilliant."

The fall of the professor's pipe relieved the young electrician from the necessity of replying to this last observation, for, aroused by the noise, Uncle Phineas opened his eyes and sat upright.

"I verily believe I have been snoozing."

"I verily believe you have, Uncle Phineas," Eleanor answered, and she and Mr. Struthers laughed gleefully.

The professor looked at his watch. "Twenty-five minutes to eleven!" he cried. "Here, you young people, this will never do. Root Park closes at half-past ten sharp. And what is more, young man, you forgot our coffee."

"So I did